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## AMERICAN RADIOGRAMS.

**PEACE CONFERENCE.**  
**AMERICAN AMENDMENT.**  
Paris, Mar. 28.  
The American amendment to the protest of the nations against the influx of foreign labour were adopted on Tuesday by the League of Nations Commission. It affirms the right of any country of the League to cancel matters solely within its jurisdiction. Another important amendment of the League of Nations Covenant altered Article 80 which empowers the Supreme Council to formulate armaments. The la gauge of the Article is altered so as to limit the powers of the Council to simple recommendations to the Governments affected.  
Virtually all the Commissions and Sub-Commissions of the Peace Conference are awaiting instructions from the Supreme Council to close and submit their reports.—American Wireless.

**U. S. EXPORT RETURNS.**  
Washington, March 28.  
The foreign and domestic commerce report shows an increase of 50 per cent. in the export of bread-stuffs in the first 8 months of the fiscal year. The total is valued at \$577,950,285, compared with \$382,190,789 in the previous year. The export of cotton decreased slightly, amounting to 4,730,659,967 lbs. in the previous year. Dairy products increased from \$274,181,044 last year to \$291,955,880 this year.—American Wireless.

**MR. BYAM SHAW.**  
The death occurred in London on Jan. 26 of Mr. J. Byam Shaw, the artist. Mr. Shaw, who was 46 years of age, was taken ill when on duty as a special constable. He contracted a chill and died of the complications which followed.  
Mr. Byam Shaw had early success as a kind of belated pre-Raphaelite. People who remembered the work of young Millais, liked his illustrations; his half-allegorical "of Love," pleased those who were fond of the pre-Raphaelite masters and those who liked to find plenty of literary interest in the pictures. In later years he hardly maintained his earlier reputation. He kept his vigour indeed, but not the careful execution of his youth. It appeared that he lacked the passionate conviction which gave beauty to the strangeness of the first pre-Raphaelite. He never fell off, as some of these pre-Raphaelites did into mere feebleness and sentimentality, but he came nearer and nearer to ordinary Academy standards and today he had become an average Academy painter. We must regard him as one of the many useful talents in English art which have never quite fulfilled their promise. At the same time he did keep his vigour and his command of inventive detail. It cannot even be said for certain that he had yet given his best to the world; but rather that he had reached that time of life which comes so often in the career of well-known painters.

**PRAYERS ANSWERED**  
Mr. Bernard Shaw has been recently pointing the moral for those who are in hurry to make the world democratic as well as safe for democracy. To do this he revives the old story of the clergyman who reluctantly acceded to the request of the farmers of his congregation for rain during a drought. Yielding to the pressure on him he offered up this prayer at evening service. "Send us, we beseech thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort and thy honour." The story goes that when he had reached that point in the prayer a thunderbolt fell on the spire of the church and sent the steeple crashing through the roof into the nave. At the same moment the windows were lighted up by a blinding flash, and were shattered by a hail storm which drove in on the wings of the hurricane and drenched the congregation and the vicar. The vicar, after a pause of astonishment, shut his book sharply and said, "O God, this is ridiculous!" To make a new application of the old story Mr. Shaw goes on to say that for the last four years our governing classes, including our leading imperialists, and the governing classes in France and Italy, have been praying very loudly for democracy and the collapse of thrones and arbitrary powers generally, and they have received the answers, first in Russia and now in Germany.

## INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.

**MR. R. M. DYER NEW PRESIDENT.**  
The 29th annual general meeting of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong was held in the Institute in King's Building last night.  
Mr. J. W. Graham, M.L.N.A., M.I.M.E., the president, was in the chair, others present, including Major D. McDonald, Messrs J. R. Reid, K. E. Greig, R. M. Dyer, A. Davidson, B. Hunter, B. L. Frost, L. J. Blackburn, W. R. Oswald, S. Baker, Hon. Secretary, and A. Stalker, Hon. Treasurer.  
The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. In doing so he said they had reason to congratulate themselves on the satisfactory working of the past year which showed a profit of \$4,074.85. He wished to say that special thanks were due to the members of the Committee for the last week past. Mr. Harrison he wished to specially mention as having had charge of the bar and there had been no tampering with the drinks which he was sure were of the "pure" type. Mr. McCubbin had looked after the billiards and had kept the place going.  
Captain James seconded the adoption of the report and accounts as presented and this was carried.  
The election of officers then took place with the following result:  
President: Mr. R. M. Dyer, M.I.M.E.  
Vice-Presidents: Messrs R. Hunter and B. L. Frost.  
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. Stalker.  
Hon. Secretary: Mr. S. Baker.  
Hon. Librarian: Mr. J. Macdonald.  
Auditors: Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews.  
Committee: Messrs R. Hunter, J. Macdonald, G. J. Hamman, A. Davidson, W. R. Oswald, J. Tully, R. B. Cameron, S. Greig, J. Ormiston, J. W. Paton, B. L. Frost and S. Baker.  
Mr. R. M. Dyer briefly returned thanks for his election as President. (He was President in 1911-12.) He said he would do his best to carry out the duties of his office. Shipbuilding was in Hongkong to stay and it was essential that the Institution be kept up. (Applause.)  
Major D. McDonald proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. J. W. Graham, the retiring President for his hard work during the past year. He said the rent of their rooms had been increased by \$150 a month and on the question of subscriptions he did not know if the new committee would be wise in dealing with it or not. It was a matter for the future.  
The various billiard prizes were then presented by Mr. Graham as follows:  
**BILLIARD PRIZES.**  
President's Cup, presented by Mr. J. W. Graham, won by Mr. W. Brown.  
Second Prize, presented by Mr. A. Davidson, won by Mr. J. P. Middleton.  
Break Prize, presented by Institute, won by Mr. S. Gray.  
**1ST BILLIARD HANDICAP.**  
First prize, presented by Mr. J. W. Graham, won by Mr. W. Brown.  
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First prize, presented by Major D. McDonald, won by Mr. A. Leach.  
Second prize, presented by Lieut. D. Templeton, won by Mr. S. Gray.  
Break prize, presented by Mr. T. Petrie, won by Mr. J. P. Middleton.  
A donation of £100 was voted to St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Sailors and Soldiers.  
Mr. R. M. Dyer later referred to Major McDonald who he said was present at their first meeting 28 years ago and had ever since been part of the backbone of the Institution. They owed him a deep debt of gratitude. Major McDonald was shortly going home but he hoped he (Major McDonald) would come back and see how they were getting on.  
Major McDonald responded saying it had always been a pleasant connection and he was glad to say the Institution was going on better than at any previous time. Although reference had been made to the work of engineers and shipbuilders, nothing was being done about the education of engineers. There was no chair at the University for the young Engineers although there were many apprentices at the Dockyards. He thought it would be a sound thing if this Institution could found a scholarship for original research work. He would be prepared to start the subscription list.  
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## RAILROADS IN KWANGTUNG.

**CANTON-SAMSHUI RAILROAD TAKES IN \$5,000 DAILY.**  
The Canton-Samshui Railway is the most prosperous railway company in Kwangtung Province, and it is now in a strong financial position. It is said that the receipts of the Company are increasing. At present it takes in about \$5,000 daily. This road is only 33 miles long from Canton to Samshui.

Gunboats in Canton are: two Chinese, one British, and two American.  
Chou Ka-lim, a bandit extradited from Hongkong, was shot at Canton on March 26.

Why does the Canton-Hankow railway Company refuse payment for tickets in coppers?

greatly extended their present, laid down new shipbuilding yards. Hongkong being one of the largest shipping ports of the world the owners of the repairing establishments have made a point of keeping their dock facilities equal to the requirements of the port, by enlarging their old docks and building new ones, as occasion demands and had the Home Government realized at an earlier date the great facilities in this Colony for carrying on shipbuilding and engineering I have no doubt a greater use would have been made of them in the early stage of the submarine menace.  
The war being over with every prospect of China settling down to peaceful pursuits, there is, I think, a great future for engineering in this Colony, not only to meet the requirements of this great shipping port but also the Mining, Railway and Electric needs of the adjoining province. We can, therefore, I think with confidence look forward to a prosperous future.

The President concluded by thanking Mr. R. Hunter, the Chairman of the retiring committee, for his hard work during the past year. He said the rent of their rooms had been increased by \$150 a month and on the question of subscriptions he did not know if the new committee would be wise in dealing with it or not. It was a matter for the future.  
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MONDAY, March 31, 1919,  
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at his residence "La Hacienda"  
No. 73 The Peak.The Whole of his Valuable  
Household Furniture,  
Comprising—Chesterfield couch, Tapestry covered  
corner, Teak writing desk, and  
bookcase, Teak curio cabinet, copper  
fender and coal scuttle, Electric stand-  
ard and table lamps, Five carpets and  
Rugs, Lace, Tapestry and casement  
curtains, etc., etc.Teak dining table and chairs, Teak  
sideboard and dinner wagon, Sectional  
bookcase, Oak smoking cabinet, Teak  
ice chest, Screens, Dinner and breakfast  
services, Cutlery and Glass ware,  
etc., etc.Brass and teak twin bedsteads, Teak  
toilet table—with bevelled mirrors,  
Marble top washstand, Teak wardrobe  
and chest of drawers, Oak Bedroom  
suite, Tin-lined box couch, Toilet  
crockery, etc., etc.

Also

One Tennis centre net and boundary  
net (nearly new)One Lawn Mower,  
A Large quantity of Plants in pots.

And

One Cottage Piano by "Collard &  
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One Japanese safe.

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Hongkong, March 21, 1919.

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structions to sell by Public Auction,  
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commencing at 2.30 p.m.  
at No. 2 Midden Villas, Kowloon.A Quantity of  
Valuable Household FurnitureMahogany drawing room suite,  
mahogany couch, easy chairs, desk &  
bookcase, cherry wood table, blackwood  
tappans, console mirror, marble clock,  
curios, color prints, engravings, pictures,  
carpets, etc., etc.Teak extension dining table & chairs,  
teak sideboard & dinner wagon, teak  
silver cabinets, American refrigerator,  
silver, community & electro-plated  
ware, cutlery, dinner & dessert services,  
glassware, etc., etc.American made mahogany twin bed-  
steads, double teak & iron bedsteads,  
American made mahogany dresser,  
single & double mahogany & teak  
wardrobes with bevelled mirrors,  
chiffonier with bevelled mirror, teak  
dressing tables and marble top wash-  
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Also

Pantry and Kitchen Requisites.

And

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1 Electric ceiling fan.

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Plush covered, drawing room suite,  
blackwood cabinet, tables, tappans,  
screen & flower stands, teak desk &  
bookcase, brass fenders and fire brasses,  
lace curtains, pictures, carpets, rugs,  
etc., etc.Mahogany extension dining table  
teak covered, dining chairs, marble  
top sideboard, dinner wagon, teak  
overmantel, brass standard lamp, dinner  
& dessert services, etc., etc.Double brass & single iron bedsteads,  
teak single & double wardrobes with  
bevelled mirrors, dressing table &  
marble top washstand, camphorwood  
chest of drawers, toilet crockery, glass-  
ware, etc., etc.

Also

1 Victrola with record cabinet &  
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1 Singer sewing machine.

1 Iron safe.

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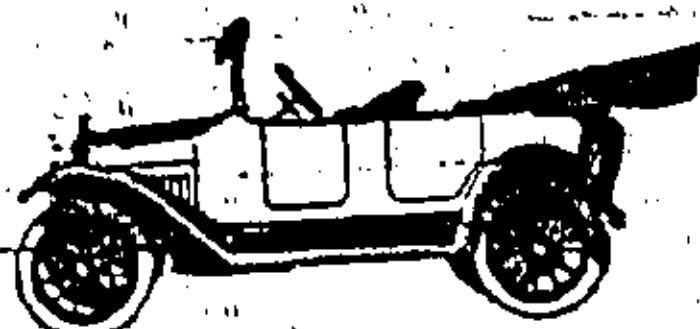
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yen, and with the N.Y.K. steamer  
Nanaki Maru, which will leave Kobe  
in the latter part of the month, the  
new rate is to be put in force. But,  
recently a further lowering is being  
proposed, and, while the negotiation  
is still pending, it is considered that  
the rate will be lowered to around  
100 yen.

## CAN I GET A NEW HUSBAND?

"Can I have another husband?"  
a woman asked the Highgate magis-  
trates. She had had a very unhappy  
married life, she said, and for some  
time now her husband had not main-  
tained her. She had met a nice  
young man and wanted to marry  
him.

The Clerk: You cannot have two  
husbands—I don't want two. I  
want a new one for the old.

The clerk said that if she married  
again she would render herself liable  
to be charged with bigamy. "Would  
she take that risk?" "Oh, yes," she  
replied. "I am a sport."

## NEW JAPANESE SHIPS.

According to the investigation  
made by the Shipping Bureau of the  
Communications Department, Tokyo,  
eight steel vessels were built in  
January last and eight more in  
February last. The particulars are  
as under:—

In January.

The *Seijuku* (5,857 tons gross),  
*Chijuku* (5,850 tons gross), *Jufuku*  
(5,850 tons gross), and *Tokufuku*  
(5,850 tons gross), which were all  
built at the Kawasaki Dockyard at  
Kobe for sale. The *Hiei* (4,720 tons  
gross), at the Uraga Dockyard for  
Messrs. Suzuki & Co., the *Toyosaki*  
(2,500 tons gross), at the Uchida  
Dockyard for the North Japan  
Steamship Co.

## GIRL GERM CARRIER.

Another curious case of a "germ  
carrier" is brought to light in the  
report of Dr. A. W. J. McFadden,  
the Local Government Board chief  
inspector of foods. He describes an  
outbreak of food poisoning last  
November at the Sussex County  
Hospital, Brighton, where thirty  
people were affected and two died.  
The poisoning was traced to a kitchen-  
maid who was a "carrier" of a  
germ discovered by Dr. W. G.  
Savage. The kitchenmaid did not  
suffer in any way during the out-  
break, and there was no record of  
any previous illness. Numerous  
cases are recorded of healthy, un-  
suspecting people carrying in their  
system of some germs which did not  
affect them but disseminated illness  
among other people of less robust  
constitution.

## BOTTLED WHISKY AND SODA.

Dunn, as directors of Schweppes,  
Ltd., the mineral-water company,  
have issued a reply to the circular  
of the Shareholders' Committee cri-  
ticising the board and proposing that  
four members of the committee—  
Sir Ivor Phillips, M.P., Mr. Lewis  
Hastam, M.P., Mr. J. McLaren, and  
Mr. G. Williamson Milne—shall dis-  
place the present members of the  
board, with the exception of Mr. H.  
Kemp Welch.

In the reply there is much criti-  
cism of an ex-director, Mr. Walter  
Harris, who, it is alleged, "while a  
director proposed that the Schweppes  
Co. should go in for lager beer and  
"should bottle and put on the mar-  
ket a mixture of whisky and soda."

## CHARWOMAN'S TESTS.

A woman correspondent who lately  
worked at several houses as cook  
and charwoman to "see what was  
the cause of the dislike of domestic  
service," gives the following reasons  
why she left the job:—

Western suburb: Bedroom bad.

Insufficient clothes. Wages 40s.

Chester-square: Wages 46s. In-  
sufficient food.

Grosvenor-square: Flat. Consider-  
ably treated.

Sussex: Bedroom bad. Mistress  
(cleverly) treated me with  
utter disdain. "Could not have  
stayed if my living depended on it."

Lancaster Gate: Wages 42s.

Bedroom in the worst condition.

Left same night.

Hendon (charwoman): Treated  
nicely.

"With the exception of the Gros-  
venor-square flat all the mistresses  
treated me haughtily," says the cor-  
respondent.

## WOODEN SHIPS IDLE.

With the fall of freights and of  
cargo, wooden ships were the first  
to be thrown out of employment,  
and at present at Osaka and Moji  
and in Hokkaido ports there are  
many wooden ships anchoring idle.  
Up to the present, however, there  
was not an instance of steel vessels  
being idle, although there were a  
few cases of sailing in ballast. How-  
ever, with the continued dullness of  
the market, the Kawasaki Dockyard  
Co. declared its intention to keep  
their ships idle at so low rates of  
freightage and charterage, as rule at  
present. Consequently, the *Ryu-  
juku Maru* (released from Govern-  
ment charter, the *Yefuku Maru* (re-  
leased from the M.B.K. charter), the  
*Washington* (new ship), and the  
*Portland* (new ship), all of 9,000-  
ton class, are now at anchor at Kobe.  
It is believed for some time these  
large-sized ships will remain idle.

## FAST AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

Now that the war is over the  
prolongation of the East African  
campaign is, becoming a subject of  
increasing criticism. In an article  
in the *Cape Times*, Mr. Owen Let-  
cher, a well-known authority on  
Central Africa, demands the appoint-  
ment of a commission of inquiry.  
He asserts that the total strength of  
the enemy at the time of General  
Northey's departure for England  
scarcely outnumbered the motor cars  
possessed by our mechanical trans-  
port. We had an overwhelming  
superiority in numbers, besides  
an organisation extending from  
Capetown to Nairobi. There  
were also two main headquarters at  
Dar-es-Salaam and Zomba which em-  
ployed a much larger number of offi-  
cers than the whole of General von  
Lettow's European force. Mr. Let-  
cher adds:—"It is understood com-  
monly that the East African cam-  
paign has cost much more than the  
Boer war. Only a strong committee  
of unbiased men can give a satis-  
factory answer to the question, Why  
was the campaign not finished months  
ago? Banquet speeches and congratu-  
latory telegrams must not be allowed  
to obscure the issue."

## A ROTTEN TRADE.

In the course of a letter to the  
*Japan Chronicle*, Capt. D. H. James,  
who knows, says:—"It is war that  
makes military service the degrading  
servitude that it is. To fit men for  
the brutality of war it is necessary  
to discipline and train them to kill.  
They must be taught the correct  
method of jabbing a bayonet into  
human flesh and, giving it a turn,  
draw it smartly out. There is a  
knack in bashing a man's brains out  
with the butt end of a rifle. It is  
bayonet strength which counts in the  
firing line. To prepare for murder  
by reading the Bible would not  
result in "bayonet efficiency."  
To pretend that military life—  
in war time—tends to im-  
prove the body and soul is as  
accurate as the statement that the  
sight of hundreds of dead and wound-  
ed men broadens a man's views on  
vivisection.

There is no "glory of war" in the  
filth of trenches, nor is the education  
of the nation uplifted by making  
officers of boys of 18. Boys without  
the ideas of men, placed over men to  
lead them into battle. What can be  
more humiliating to the men they  
lead. Thousands of these gallant  
boys have poured their right to be  
classed with the best leaders. But  
that does not lessen the pity that  
they should have been thrown into  
the furnace.

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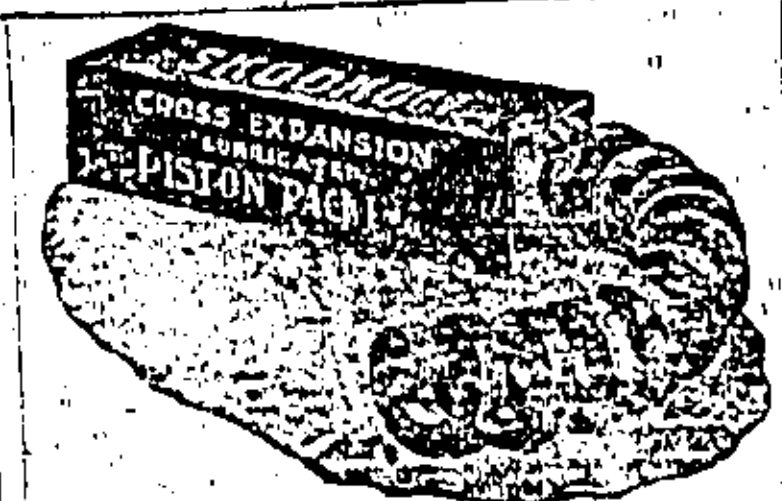
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**PUBLIC AUCTIONS**

THE Undersigned have received instructions from H. W. LOCKER, Esq., to sell by Public Auction,

on

**MONDAY,**  
March 31, 1919, at 11 a.m.,  
at his residence No. 116 Plantation  
Road, the Peak,  
A very choice collection of  
Pot Plants.

Including Australian and Canadian  
Bones, Fuchias, Begonias, Azaleas,  
Carnations, Dahlias, Cyclamens, Geraniums,  
Violets, Freesias, Maitlandias,  
Asparagus, Plumbos and Asparagus  
Springer, Arum and Amaryllis lilies,  
and many Anemones, also Dahlia Roots,  
Cactus Peony—Single and Collarette.

Also  
1 Donkey and one fowl house and a  
number of Leghorn and Brahma fowls.  
(Particulars from Catalogue).  
On view from Saturday the 29th  
inst.

Terms:—Cash.  
**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, March 24, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from F. B. L. BOWLEY, Esq., to sell by Public Auction,

on

**TUESDAY,**  
April 1, 1919, at 2.30 p.m.,  
at his residence No. 7 Mountain View,  
The Peak.

THE  
Valuable Household Furniture,  
CURIOS, &c., &c.  
therein contained.

Comprising—  
Teakwood hallstand, upholstered  
arm-chairs, sofa and pouffe, blackwood  
desk, tables, arm-chairs and stands,  
Large Axminster carpet (good as new),  
rugs, China, silver and brass  
ware, Singer sewing machine (as new),  
gramophone, Carpets &  
Orton and lace curtains,  
&c., &c., &c.

Extension dining table and chairs,  
cabinet, sideboard, oak desk,  
&c., a quantity of good cut glass  
ware, crockery ware, &c., white  
enamelled twin bedssteads (hair mattresses),  
teak and iron bedssteads and cots,  
stair carpet and rods.

Fumed teakwood wardrobes, wash-  
stand, toilet table and double toilet set,  
Liberty handwoven carpet, bathroom  
pantry and kitchen utensils, garden  
tent, toys, bamboo blinds (good as  
new), travelling bath, electric fittings,  
fan and table lamps, etc.

(Particulars from Catalogue).  
On view Monday, morning and day  
of sale.

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**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, March 24, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from H. W. LOCKER, Esq., to sell by Public Auction,

on

**WEDNESDAY,**  
April 3, 1919, commencing at  
2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

A QUANTITY OF  
USEFUL HOUSEHOLD LINES,  
DRAWN WORK, & EMBROIDERIES,  
Comprising:—

HOUSEHOLD LINES.—Single and  
Double Plain and Homesteaded Sheets,  
Pillow Cases, Double White Satin Quilts,  
Linen Damask Serviettes, Glass Cloths,  
Bath Towels, Towels, &c., &c.  
DRAWN WORK.—Bedspreads, Pillow  
Cases, Tray Cloths, &c., &c.

EMBROIDERIES.—Bedspreads, Table  
Covers, Tea Cloths, Runners 18 by 42 in.

A few lots of Attache Cases and  
Belted Valises.  
(All new goods and small lots to suit  
purchasers).

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Hongkong, March 24, 1919.

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TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD  
FURNITURE, BRASS AND BRASS-  
MOUNTED, DOUBLE AND TWIN  
BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS, CARPETS,  
&c., &c.,  
Comprising:—

Chesterfield Sofas, Arm-chairs  
(new), Folding Card and  
Occasional Tables, One Upholstered Suite, Bedroom  
Furniture, comprising Teakwood Twin  
Bedssteads, large and small Wardrobes,  
Dressing Tables, Washstands, &c.,  
(fumed Teakwood), Sideboards, Dining  
Waggon, Extension Dining Tables  
and Chairs, &c., Dinner Services,  
Crockery, and good Glass Ware,  
Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, &c.;  
Bath Room Utensils, Electro-Plated  
Ware.

Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood  
and Teakwood Screens, a quantity of  
blackwood furniture, including 1 large  
Blackwood Screen, Blue and white Panels,  
and Blackwood Fire Screen, Side Tables,  
Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures, Several  
Carpets, new and second-hand.  
Trendle Sewing Machine with all  
accessories, 1 Piano in good condition,  
one large Ice Chest suitable for Hotel,  
&c., &c., &c.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).  
Terms:—Cash.  
**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, March 24, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from J. MADAM GAINS to sell by Public Auction

on

**FRIDAY,**  
April 4, 1919, at 10.30 a.m.,  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des  
Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

The following stock in trade:—  
Millinery Velvets, (all colours)  
ribbon, velvets black and coloured  
French trimmings, tulle, chiffons, and  
acropolis veils, black and coloured  
French evening dress materials and  
ribbon, Wings, Quills, aigrettes, Ot-  
rich tips, pom-poms &c. Straw plait,  
buttons and a large assortment of  
flowers, 600 reels cotton (black and  
white) machine twists, Duplex belting,  
webbing belting, Millinery wires, tin  
boxes, wooden boxes for delivery, 2  
sewing machines.

&c., &c., &c.  
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Hongkong, March 24, 1919.

FOR SALE.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED).  
At their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
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Motor Yacht "IRENE",  
Built 1915 recently thoroughly over-  
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Length ... 32 feet  
Beam ... 7  
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Motor "Scorpio" heavy duty 14 H.P.  
Cabin enlarged to seat 6 passengers  
Innately, Ice box, Electric light, &c.,  
&c., including Extra large Battery for  
Electric light, 2 sets steering gear  
Engine room, Telegraph, lamps, 2 new  
awnings, sails, electric horn, ventilators,  
lifebuoy, tanks, &c., &c.

For further particulars apply to the  
Undersigned.

Terms:—Cash.  
**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, March 25, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell

at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

One complete set Engines and  
Boiler in good working order.

DESCRIPTION:—  
Set of Compound Engines, 16 x 33,  
by 24 stroke,  
Boiler, 12 x 10, working pressure  
120 lbs. on Veritas survey.

To be sold in one lot, together with  
Engine Seat, Shafts and Propeller and  
all piping, &c., connected with the  
above mentioned Engines and Boiler.

Also  
Anchors and Chains, Wooden Mast,  
And  
2 Navigating Compasses.

At present stored at Kwong Tung  
Cheong's shipyard.

Inspecting orders and further particu-  
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TO LET.—2 ROOMS on the Ground  
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Apply to The Secretary.

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TO LET from 16th April, 1919—  
1st Floor, No. 38 Nathan Road,  
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A FLAT in Nathan Road, Kowloon.  
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ALL PERSONS with the exception  
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Applicants will be required to produce  
Passports or identification papers. All  
persons, with certain exceptions, who  
remain in the Colony for more than  
7 days are required to Register them-  
selves under the REGISTRATION OF  
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of Registration giving particulars  
required may be obtained at the  
Pass Office and at all Police Stations.  
The Penalty for non compliance is a  
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**HONGKONG DOG, CAT,  
POULTRY AND PIGEON  
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A Show in connection with  
the above will be held (by  
kind permission of the Stewards,  
HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB) with-  
in their enclosure Happy Valley  
on SATURDAY April 12, 1919.

Entry forms containing full  
particulars may be obtained on  
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G. W. GEGG,  
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,  
c/o Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Hongkong, March 19, 1919.

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**NOTICES**

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN  
& MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTYSECOND ORDIN-  
ARY ANNUAL MEETING OF  
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company  
will be held at the Office of the  
Company, St. George's Building, No. 6  
Connaught Road on TUESDAY, April  
1, 1919, at 11 a.m. for the purpose  
of receiving a Statement of Accounts and  
the Report of the General Managers for  
the year ending December 31, 1918,  
and electing a Consulting Committee  
and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from WED-  
NESDAY March 28, until TUESDAY  
April 1, 1919, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 21, 1919.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA  
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the ORDINARY YEARLY  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
will be held in the Office of the Com-  
pany, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong,  
on MONDAY, 31st March, 1919, at noon,  
for consideration of the Directors'  
Report and Statement of Accounts for  
the year ending 31st December, 1918.  
The SHARE REGISTER and  
TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED  
from the 22nd to the 31st inst., both  
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, March 15, 1917.

**NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES**

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.  
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
S.S. "VENEZUELA,"  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO,  
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND  
SHANGHAI.

THE above-mentioned vessel having  
arrived from the above ports  
Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed  
that their Cargo will be landed at their  
respective Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.,  
Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk.  
Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified  
that they must produce an Import Permit  
signed by the Superintendent of Imports  
and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of  
Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods  
are to be left in the Godowns where they  
will be examined on April 1.  
All claims must be presented within a  
month of the steamer's arrival here, after  
which they cannot be recognized.

No Claim will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns and all  
Goods remaining undelivered after  
April 3, 1919, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be  
effected.

Consignees are requested to send in  
their Bills of Lading for countersignature  
immediately.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.  
J. ORAM SHEPPARD,  
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Hongkong, March 23, 1919.

**"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.**

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
S.S. "BENRINNES"  
FROM EUROPE AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby  
informed that all Goods are being  
landed at their risk into the Godowns  
and/or extra hazardous Godowns of  
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf  
and Godown Co., Ltd., where and/or  
from the wharves delivery may be  
obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns, and all  
Goods remaining undelivered after the  
31st instant, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer  
must be presented to the Undersigned  
on or before the 7th April or  
they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged  
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,  
where they will be examined on the  
31st instant, at 11 a.m.

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**NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES**

"OLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.  
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
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THE Motorship  
"OLENGYLE,"  
having arrived from the above ports,  
Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby  
informed that all Goods are being landed  
at their risk into the hazardous and/or  
extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong-  
kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves,  
delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by March 31, 1919,  
at 5 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged pack-  
ages are to be left in the Godowns  
where they will be examined by Messrs.  
Goddard & Douglas, on March 31, 1919, at  
10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer must  
be presented within 30 days of arrival  
otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us  
in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 23, 1919.

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FROM CAMBUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship  
"KWAISANO,"  
having arrived from the above ports  
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extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.,  
whence and/or from the wharves,  
delivery may be obtained.

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"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1919.

## SWEDENBORG.

Exactly 147 years ago to-day there died Emanuel Swedenborg, a man whose intellect could easily have eclipsed those of Baron Verulam or Herbert Spencer. He anticipated in his earlier studies many discoveries of philosophy and science, including some that have been placed to the credit of later times and men. He wrote out as Swedenborg, the extra-ordinary in his name being conferred by a Swedish Queen, and corresponding to the German "von" or the French "de." He was a learned man, a studious man, but that alone could not account for his marvelous results. He had intuition. He was a seer. If only he had not stepped aside from science to religion, he might have, probably would have, achieved great things. It is possible that he had overworked his brain. It is certain that later on, when he conversed with angels and spirits, saw heaven and hell, and announced himself as the divinely commissioned expounder of the scriptures, he had learned the fatal trick of hypnotising himself. In the Orient, among Hindus, and Buddhists, Chinese and some Japanese, this makes a man eminently respectable. His words are oracles, and his character holy. This is probably the same religious ecstasy, the "trance of saints" that we have read about in our own European annals, the flight (as Plotinus describes it) of the alone to the alone. Nowadays we know it for what it is. Swedenborg was over 50 when this transformation developed. He lived on "bread, milk, and vegetables," a suggestive diet to medical men. In his normal period of intellectual research he had made the wonderful discovery of the relation of respiration to brain movements. He must have overlooked the equally intimate nexus between mind and the gastric processes. The jump from his scientific books to his theological is a big one. From being the European Aristotle, as some of us call him, he jumped to being the Chinese Confucius, as some of us call him.

favoured with a man of the mass of men as ignorant. They are, deplorably so, especially when compared with men like himself. But his exaggerated sense of his ignorance spoils much of his writing, makes it repellent. Allowing so much, he ought to be more often and more widely read than he is. His theology is a compound of analogy run mad. Yet there are shrewd ideas peeping out everywhere that make his volumes an El Dorado for the thoughtful student. The ignorant and untrained Puritan insists upon interpreting the Bible for himself, his guide his conscience. The Pope does it for his people in the light of a conferred infallibility. Tolstoi did it in his own way. Swedenborg claims more authority than them all. Incidentally, he discards the doctrine of atonement, of vicarious punishment. The biggest joke is that he expressly disavows the need for a new church, or separate organization, and his followers have given him one. He presented his gospel as a means of uniting all the existing sects, and instead he indirectly founded a new one, which, we understand, flourishes to this day.

## CAN YOU READ?

One of our recent critics, who took us to task *via* *vox*, accused us of saying something we never said. When we denied it, he said: "I'll show it to you in your own paper." And he did. With a triumphant finger he indicated a passage which most certainly did not say what he supposed us to have said. This sort of thing is annoying, especially when not even our modesty prevents us from knowing that we have skill in the use of words, and exercise care in the choice thereof. Words have meanings. For almost every meaning English provides an exactly equivalent collocation of words. Our critic is supposed to be an "educated" man, but he is more careful in counting money than in weighing words.

Another instance lies before us. The *Straits Times* having said of a certain man that his "interest is obviously in profiteering," but that it does not "reflect in the slightest degree upon his personal conduct," the *Straits Echo* remarked: "The two statements appear to us to be irreconcilable, for any person who profiteers in wartime is wholly contemptible." That excellent sentiment was a *non sequ.* Without justifying the *Straits Times*, whose observations certainly bid for misunderstanding, we can assure the *Straits Echo* that the two statements were quite reconcilable. The *Straits Times* did not say the man was a profiteer; it said his interest apparently, obviously, (as we say) was in profiteering. Let us

put it in another way. The interest of the retiring Lord Chancellor was obviously in taking his pension of £5,000 a year. But he refused to take it. These two statements are not irreconcilable. Suppose that all the fines at the Magistracy went into the Magistrate's pocket. We should be justified in protesting, and in saying that his interest obviously is in convicting every defendant, though we might be willing to admit in a particular case that he was just—that we did not reflect on his personal integrity. That a great many journalists still have to learn to write is too painfully evident. Our present contention is that some people have to learn to read.

## INQUESTS.

The *China Mail* is officially informed that the Coroner will not hold any inquest touching the death of Capt. Jones, who appears to have shot himself in his cabin while his steamer was on the river between Canton and Hongkong. Possibly (though we were not told so) the reason is that the affair took place out of his jurisdiction. But no. That cannot be the reason, because the body was brought into the jurisdiction, and it is the duty of a coroner to find how every corpse (not O.K'd by a doctor) came to be one. We give it up. Incidentally, we note that local juries never (or very seldom) "view the body." We are told that the Coroner does, and that that is sufficient. As the reason for having a jury at all is to satisfy the people that none of their number come by unlawful ends, we don't agree. Inquests seem to be held generally a week or two after death here, probably to allow the police plenty of time for their part of the duty involved. The jury could be summoned at once, taken to view the body, and then the inquest could be "adjourned" until convenient. That is the practice at home. Reverting to the death of Captain Jones, if ever there was a case requiring enquiry, this would seem to be it. We must now try to find out why there is to be none.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The dollar is still a soarer. It is up again to-day, and is now 3s 2 7-16d.

Tenders are asked for repairs to the Government tender *Stanley*.

Gun practice will be held on the Government wharf.

A bankrupt firm of salt fish dealers in Connaught Road West is paying eleven cents in the dollar.

Today's return of communicable disease shows two cases of plague, one of diphtheria, one of scarlet fever, and three of "cerebro-spinal fever."

Hop Fung Cheung Kee's iron dealing business in Wing On street is being sold to the Tung Kee firm, and will be known as Hop Fung Tung Kee.

Major T.C. Leah, D.S.O., R.G.A. commanded at Stonecutters a few years ago. He used to wear a monocle and will be remembered by some of the older residents. For a conspicuous bit of gallantry in the closing stages of the war in France he gets a bar to his D.S.O.

## GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments are gazetted:  
Mr. G. N. Orme to act as Director of Education in addition to his duties as First Magistrate and Coroner.  
Mr. A. E. Wood to act as District Officer and Magistrate.  
Mr. W. Schofield to act as Chief Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and as Deputy Registrar of Marriages.  
Mr. Wood is to hold a Small Debts Court at four places in the New Territories.

## HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. J. W. Franks D.S.P.

RESIGNATION.  
P.C. 632 Bryan is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony.  
March 29th 1918.

## A FAMILY NECESSITY.

EVERY family should be provided with Chamberlain's Pain Balm at all times. Sprains may be cured in a few minutes when promptly treated. Lame back, lame shoulder, pains in the side and chest and rheumatic pains are some of the diseases for which it is especially valuable. Try this liniment and become acquainted with its qualities and you will never wish to be without it. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

PUGILISM.  
THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A REFEREE.

[By NORMAN CLARK IN THE SPORTING PAPERS.]

Good referees are scarce. On first thought there seems no distinct reason why they should be, yet the truth of the assertion lies beyond denial. All over England unjust verdicts—usually more the result of poor judgment than dishonesty—are from time to time robbing boxers of what rightfully belongs to them, and the disastrous effect this has on the game at large must be obvious to everyone. Indeed, some of the referees whom men promoters pitchfork into office are often little short of appalling; and, whilst on the topic, I may mention an incident that actually took place at a recent Contest of more than a little importance. It report be correct—and it came from reliable sources—this is more or less what happened: One of the boxers caught the other a nasty jolt on the body with the elbow, sending him squirming with pain to the ground, and the referee, who had never officiated before, having previously confined his genius to the less ambitious office of time-keeper, honestly fancied, on hearing the cries of "foul" that it was all a question of whether the blow was low or not, calling on a doctor to examine the man, and later revealing, with amazing candour, that he thought a blow from the elbow was quite within the rules, and perhaps justifiable—may, one of the "finer points" probably!

And this is not all. At one London boxing hall a referee in the last extremities of physical incapacity, requisitioned the assistance of a strong young man to break the men away whilst he himself sat outside the ring and acted as director-in-chief. We shall soon have men using a large pair of glove-stretchers for the purpose; already some apparently use puffs of cigar smoke.

Again the behaviour of a well-known North Country referee (you will no doubt recognise him) is even more extraordinary. This capital fellow, on hearing the crowd making any dissenting remarks about a distressed boxer's gameness, or something of that kind, will postpone hostilities whilst he delivers an address on the spirit of fair play, and incidentally unconsciously (or otherwise) gives the distressed boxer ample time to recover. The same gentleman, giving the decision of the fight, often proceeds something as follows: "Now, gentlemen, that is the finish, and it now becomes my duty to deliver my verdict. Well, in judging boxing, gentlemen, we must have patience and courage, and keep both men in view. It would be just as unjust to see all the work of the one and none of the other, as to see none of the work of the other and all the work of the one. What we must be is unbiased, unprejudiced; I mean just, you understand. Now (with a graceful wave of the hand) this boy has done very creditably; he has shown great aggression and done good work; quite good work, with both hands. But, well, though this boy has done, this other boy (another wave) has done better—alone best, I should say—and is entitled to the decision—at least, to my mind. Gentlemen, I declare him the winner!"

Another official, again a man not altogether outside the limelight, seems to a regard refereeing as a military duty, and reminds us of the drill-sergeant of whom we are all so deeply sick. Intoning the words with appropriate dignity, this great official will call out, "Withdraw the arms, both men!" and later, by way of variation, "Prepare to break—now break!" When tired of these two he resorts to the most extraordinary of all. "Now reverse, both men! A command suggesting too great a love for footwork—even for Bradley's liking."

These are the kinds of men we have decided matches of more than a little importance, and, with the public so ignorant of boxing matters, we find this rabble of luck, cunning and push surging up majestically and forcing from their rightful places men who have qualified themselves for office by years and years of close practical experience, and, worst of all, leaving them no chance of raising a plea for reasonable justice without being met with the obvious counter of personal jealousy. Isn't it amusing? It is more like politics than sport.

Generally speaking, the majority of our referees who have made themselves conspicuous by their repeated failures are of two types—those flagrantly of the art of boxing and rules; and those devoid of all courage and temperamental control. The gentleman of the former category usually attempt to make up for their lack of knowledge by their "promptness" (i.e., their ability to disqualify a contestant before he has scarcely infringed the rules), their severity, and their loudness of voice. Their interpretation of the rules is often as amusing as it is inaccurate. Indeed, quite a common sight is to see referees of this description order the men to break away when engaged in justifiable infighting and not in holds at all, and this mistake they usually further enhance by command-

ing them to "break clean," although no such proceeding has been agreed upon. Thus, constantly making such blunders, and not possessing the faintest conception of the ignorance they are displaying, they continue in their blessed confidence, sometimes building up big reputations amongst those who know little of the game.

The other type of referee—the aforementioned nervous type—is quite opposite to this. He, perhaps, understands the game from A to Z, and knows every rule from Broughton down to the present day, but when he enters the ring and finds himself surrounded by a surging mass of humanity he begins to feel uncommonly uncomfortable; and when, later, on making T mistake, or the fight suddenly becoming intensely exciting, this mass of humanity, without any warning, develops into a tempestuous sea of barbarism, and he feels himself to be rocked about by the rough waves of insult and abuse, he loses all control of himself and leaves his official duties to the ever-willing crowd. Clearly such men as these are scarcely qualified for office.

And what are the qualifications for a perfect boxing instructor? Well, first and foremost on the list is, I should say without doubt, honesty; there is no getting away from that. He must be honest with himself, with the public, with both boxers, and should show no bias. No matter if he testifies the one and the other, if one is black, the other white, or one yellow and the other green—all bias and prejudice must be brushed aside, completely wiped out, and he should stand in the ring caring for neither, seeing no "friends" in the crowd.

The next great quality which should be native in a referee is fearlessness—courage to give his decision as he sees the contest, not as the mob sees it. The thought of offending his friends must not be taken into consideration. How often has it occurred that one man has just won and the better of three rounds out of twenty, say—but on catching sight of an old friend has thought, "I can't give it against old John," and he'll be actually out. There's little in it; I'll declare a draw." No good; such weakness always recoils on his own head and ultimately brings him the contempt of his friends as well as his enemies. In short, it may be said that strong-mindedness is really the keynote of a referee's success, and there can be no such thing as a weak referee. The quality that the majority of men who are honest and understand the game well—the very men in every other way ideally suited for the position—often fail. Toward the end of the fight they hear the cheers in favour of one man, and allow themselves to be swayed into giving a wrong verdict. They have only the courage of other people's convictions. Directly the gong goes a referee should know who has won and who has lost, and give his decision immediately, without delay. So much for the two important qualifications—honesty and courage of convictions.

Next, as regards a real official's knowledge of the rules and the game generally. He should more than know the rules; he should have a thorough knowledge and common-sense interpretation of them from Broughton Code down to the modern Queensberry and National Sporting Club rules, and he should also be intimately acquainted with the art of boxing, both practically and theoretically. By "intimately acquainted" with the art of boxing practically, I do not mean to say that he must necessarily have been a champion, either amateur or professional, but I maintain that, in addition to having done considerable sparring, he should have had the actual experience in the ring, should know what it feels like to box under the eye of a large, frantically excited crowd; how easy it is to lose one's head and commit such fouls as striking an opponent when down without really intending to do—offences of the head, in short, not of the heart.

As a matter of fact, the man who invariably makes the best referee is the type of individual who, being very keen, has learned everything there is to learn, but has failed through lack of natural ability. A man of this description has learnt, practised, and thought out every move individually, whereas the champion, finding the various moves to come more or less natural, has probably never thought of troubling about how they are really done. This, I take it, is the reason why some of our champions are such very poor teachers. Then again, the man who is not overstocked with fighting blood can keep cool at the most critical and exciting moment—a great advantage time to an official.

Then we come to certain other natural necessities, natural qualifications that can scarcely be said to be results of experience or study. Amongst these are to be placed good temper, sufficient activity, and strength to get about the ring, good eyesight and memory (the latter to be able to remember how the round has gone when putting down the points at the end), and a quick active brain that decides, and decides rightly, in cases of emergency.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THANKS.

[To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL".]

SIR—On the eve of my departure for Vladivostok will you please permit me through the medium of your paper to place on record in the public press, the appreciation of myself and brother officers of the very great kindnesses that have been shown us during our stay in Hongkong.

During the twenty eight days that we have been here, not a single day has passed without someone ringing up and enquiring whether we wished to do anything, and I assure you, Sir, that although we have travelled thousands of miles on this journey, never have we experienced such liberal hospitality and kindness. My only regret is that we are leaving.

Thanking you in anticipation,

JOHN WARDEN.

Lieut. Col.

## HOCKEY.

## STAFF AND DEPTS. V. KNOX'S MISSION.

These teams completed their rubber of matches at Happy Valley yesterday. Each had previously won once and the best available teams were fielded for the final game.

The first half was distinctly in favour of the Mission and they gained their due when Salverson scored the opening goal for them. Scoular and Bunde defended well or other goals would have been forthcoming. The Mission led by this goal at the interval.

In the second half the Staff soon managed an equaliser. Pugh seized a favourable opportunity and scored. Soon the Mission went ahead. Stillings netting from close quarters. The Staff goal almost fell again but Gallagher robbed the centre man and play veered to the Mission end. Here Horrocks was successful in equalising the scores with a low shot. Both teams struggled hard for the winning point, Tarr for the Mission, and Rev. Bunde and Colonel Coles for the Staff, defended splendidly. Before the finish Horrocks scored again, thus giving the Staff the lead. Despite the efforts of the Mission to gain the equaliser they failed, the Staff winning a good game by a single goal. Result—Staff & Depts., 3; Knox's Mission, 2. Referees: Captain Gosden and Mr. S. Evans.

## THE CORONET THEATRE.

Yesterday afternoon at the private studio of Messrs Parhe Freres, the members of the Press and a few of the Officers of Knox's Mission were shown the film that will be shown at the Coronet Theatre next week. The surrender of the German Fleet. There is not a great quantity of it, but the quality is exceptionally good. Scenes of the celebration of the signing of the Armistice in London and other parts of England are shown. There are also some exceptionally good pictures of their Majesties the King and Queen.

The management of this theatre is evidently determined to maintain that high standard that has always characterised its shows.

In addition, a "ref." will be all the better for being perfectly acquainted with the styles and idiosyncrasies of boxers; the greater his knowledge in this direction the better, as in a measure he then knows what to expect. "Forewarned is forearmed," and it is the referee's duty to prevent fouls whenever possible, as well as merely adjudicating upon them.

As regards manner, the successful official is invariably gentlemanly, cool and collected, and firm; not a bombastic, bullying individual, who bawls out unnecessary commands and follows them with clouds of cigar smoke; and not, on the other hand, an intimidated creature, who, fearful of his own voice, allows the men to keep hovering on the line without warning, and then finally finds disqualification becoming inevitable. A referee's manner has much to do with his success, since by it he wins, or fails to win, the esteem and obedience of those under his supervision.

This completes the list of qualifications which appear essential to the ideal referee.

It is a long category, and no doubt, if only our officials were possessed of half of them we should have more satisfactory verdicts than we are getting at present. True, there have been, and still are, some highly fair and competent officials—Angle, Vize, Corri, Dunning, Brudley, and a few others at once come to my mind, but, unfortunately, none of these are getting any younger, and for this reason I would urge the "fighting fans" not to despise the onerous and thankless task.

## CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

Letters are invited from boys and girls (not over 12). Prizes will be given for the best ones.

Dear Young Folk,  
What's the matter? Are you too shy? Or too lazy? I expected lots of letters, and have got only one.

Your teachers must be very slow, or they would have seen in this *China Mail* innovation an excellent opportunity of improving your writing, spelling, composition, and general information. In another land, where I introduced a similar feature, the teachers used my subjects in their class work, and encouraged their pupils to compete, with excellent results all round.

Writing is an art, and cannot be studied and practised too soon or too often. There are very few grown-ups who can write well. Many whose names appear as the authors of books cannot write good English. As for journalists—well, we have a name for the stuff most of them write. We call it "journalism." They copy from each other, with the result that the *clique*—a French word which I may freely translate as "reach-me-down"—bristles in their sentences, and their syntax is like a blind man with a wooden leg going home in the dark full of ginger beer. Take that poem you all know so well:

Mary had a little lamb  
Its fleece was white as snow.  
And everywhere that Mary went  
The lamb was sure to go:  
It followed her to school one day  
Which was against the rules...

Now, how would the average journalist tell that story? Something like this:

## TRESPASS BY A LAMB.

## Sensation In A Schoolroom.

An very unique incident is reported. We understand, on excellent authority, that a young lady named Miss Mary, who was the owner of an immature sheep, of which she made a pet, proceeded to school, accompanied by the animal, which was contrary to the regulations made and provided by the scholastic authorities. Although her inseparable companion was of diminutive stature, and literally as white as snow, and consequently probably clean and harmless, the authorities, more in sorrow than in anger, intimated to the owner, that its presence, on the school premises, could not be permitted.

That is something like the way they would tell it, and you can see for yourselves it isn't a good way.

It would be rather fun to go on and show you how Charles Dickens would tell it (weeily; smiling with wet eyes) and how a carate would tell it (like a blue bottle bunning on the wrong side of a window pane) and how an American humorist and George Meredith and Joseph Conrad in his latest manner) and so on would tell it; but if you are not paying attention (as the absence of letters from you seems to indicate) why should I waste my time and energy? The George Meredith one would be funny, but a little "over your heads" I fear.

Here is a little story you all understand. Perhaps you will find it fun to make some up on like lines. Try. It's ever so easy.

Non-sense Stories.  
No. 1.—This little boy was Cryin because he had fallen and Turn his trousers, but not because he was Hurt. Only his Feelings were hurt. He was a Feeling boy, and his grief was Due to his sorrow for his Parents. As he said himself: "Henta ara already High enough in Hongkong, and I know what a struggle it is for my dear parents to Pay them. And now (boo-hoo) I've been and gone and Made another one."

The one letter I've received (which is consequently the Best of the lot) makes criticisms of "Pinkie" that in my opinion put all the grown-up critics quite in the shade. He says Cinderella should have had golden hair, which we all knew but forgot. He says the Beast's hair should have been black, which, when you think it over, is sound judgment. Here is his letter:

Dear Uncle Barbarotta  
I like Pinkie and the Fairies very much. My Teacher gave me Composition out of pinkie. This is what I put.

Yesterday I went to Pinkie and the Fairies. I liked it when the frogs danced. I liked the party in the wood. The fairy Queen was very pretty. The Beast said he had brown hair, but it was white. There should have been wicked fairies to turn them into animals, then Beast could have come as Prince. Cinderella when she changed should have long golden hair, and her face was not dirty. Margery Stuart was Pinkie.

I am a little boy of 8, in my Composition I had three mistakes in spelling.

Your little nephew,  
B.O.G. (aged 8)

That is a very good letter for a young boy, and the writing is very neat. As I said, there is shrewd criticism in it.

Uncle Barbarotta.



# SPECIAL CABLES.

## DEPORTATION OF GERMANS.

### SOME HITCH.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, March 28. The *Antiochus* is not sailing for ten days. The embarkation of the Germans to-morrow has been deferred for some reason unknown.

## SINGAPORE PRISONERS ESCAPE.

### A SENSATIONAL INCIDENT.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, March 28. Eight prisoners awaiting trial at the Assizes escaped last night from the Civil Gaol. All were in one cell. They escaped by breaking the bars of the cell and placing their jackets on the glass on top of the wall, thence reaching the ground.

## REPATRIATION OF GERMANS.

### THE "ATREUS" STILL IN SINGAPORE.

SINGAPORE, March 28. The *Nore* and the *Navara* have left. The *Atreus* is still here. She comes alongside to-day. The reason is not disclosed.

## FAR EASTERN CABLENEWS

### JAPANESE AND THE PUBLICATION OF SECRET TREATIES.

PEKING, March 27. On Thursday the Japanese Minister warned the Chinese Government that if a premature disclosure of secret documents should cause loss to Japanese financial and commercial interests Japan will hold China responsible for such loss. Consequently, the Chinese Government has further postponed the contemplated publication of the Sino-Japanese secret agreements.

### JAPAN AND MONGOLIA.

PEKING, March 27. Reliable foreign sources deny the reports of a Mongolian separatist movement. Japanese efforts to induce the Mongolians to send a deputation to the Peace Conference, sponsored, advised and financed by Japanese, have failed.

### A MILITARY GRIEVANCE.

Several officers detained here on their way to Vladivostok, detained by lack of shipping, have a grievance. This grievance is not against Hongkong, because one of them said to a *China Mail* man, "Everybody has given us a topping time."

They went to the local Paymaster for advances of pay, and were answered with a *non passimus*. They got a cheque for \$82 odd for "ration fuel and lodging allowance," but this does not go far in paying hotel and club bills.

Besides, it was worked out at the market rate of exchange, and not at the Service rate, to which they felt themselves entitled. They have 20 days' expenses to meet out of that. The regulations say something about a detention allowance of \$1 a day, but this was cut down by half. They want to know why.

The Chamber of Commerce, we understand, is taking the matter into consideration. One Officer interviewed yesterday was very annoyed about the whole matter. "After waiting an hour at the office of the Paymaster, I was told that they could not do anything for me beyond the \$82 odd, and that hardly paying Club bills," he said. "The absurd part of the whole thing is that if I was in the Indian Army I could get an advance of pay but being in the British Army I cannot."

"Why," he continued, "the Dutch Government allows any of their officials who are detained through lack of ships \$10 a day, and we only get about \$2. Hardly buy you one, old thing."

Leut.-Col. Warden, D.S.O., was very bitter about the matter and went himself and interviewed the Chamber of Commerce with the view to their taking it up with the authorities at home, with whom the fault must necessarily lie, so that any other officers or men who may be passing through will not be placed in the same position.

He explained that nobody knew anything about it, and had it not been for the kindness of the Bank, he would not have been able to finance the Government.

The men are treated in practically the same manner, except that they are provided with accommodation, and are given the large sum of \$10 to carry on with, and in these times of the "high cost of living," that does not go very far.

# PEACE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE.

## DEVELOPING PROGRAMME.

There was a meeting of the Peace Celebration Committee last night at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., when the Hon. Mr. Holyoak presided.

The question of fireworks was first dealt with and it was announced that they hoped to have the actual figures for the cost of a fireworks display at the next meeting. They had obtained an offer to put on a similar display to that given in San Francisco Harbour at the time of the exhibition, which was exceptionally fine.

The Chairman announced that the latest telegraphic advices from England intimated that the peace celebration would be held there between June 23 and 30.

Mr. R. E. O. Bird, the chairman of the decoration sub-committee, gave a short report of what his committee had done with regard to a scheme of decoration, and produced two very fine designs of arches to be erected at different points along the streets, plans being prepared for fourteen in all. He also produced another fine design of a triumphal arch to be erected in Statue Square and a scheme of decoration for the railings. Nothing definite could be arranged at present as they had not yet heard from the Chinese sub-committee.

Mr. C. H. P. Hay, the Chairman of the Entertainment sub-committee, gave a report of the work that his committee had done and submitted a few schemes they had drawn up.

The first one was for the entertainment of the children, and proposed that they should assemble at the Happy Valley and there form up in the shape of a huge Union Jack, being given flags for the purpose. It was proposed that they should then sing a hymn and God Save the King. It was also proposed to give every child a medal commemorating the occasion, and enquiries were being made at Canton and other places as to the possibility and the cost of getting these struck. He also proposed that each child should be given a copy of Jane's Book on the Germans. Arrangements would be made to give them refreshments and also a large number of side shows for their entertainment.

The next scheme was for the entertainment of the services and this had not really been decided on but the idea at present was to give them a dinner, starting at six thirty in the evening and buying up all the picture houses or other shows that might be in town and entertain the men there, and also to provide about two or three smoking concerts. The idea was to entertain the men of the Army, Navy, and merchant marine.

With regard to the Officers the idea had been mooted to give them a dinner and dance at the Hongkong Club, but no definite plans were actually put forward as yet.

Mr. Holyoak stated that the various shipping companies in the Colony were going to be asked to see that any ship of theirs that might be in harbour during the celebrations should use their best endeavour to be decorated, but no lanterns or bunting would be supplied. This also applied to the Navy.

The question of bonfires was then raised, but nothing was decided upon as they had not got a report on the most desirable place to have one owing to the element of danger. Mr. Holyoak stated that they were extremely anxious to have a bonfire as the people at home desired to have a chain of bonfires all round the Empire.

Several matters of organisation were discussed and the meeting adjourned.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Yesterday's results were:

CLUB MIXED HANDICAP DOUBLES.  
F. A. Redmond and Mrs. Maitland (scr.) beat Capt. Gray and Miss Gordon (rec. 15.2), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

CAUSE HANDICAP DOUBLES.  
Lieut.-Col. Crisp and Capt. Murray (scr.) beat Pay-Lieut. Holborn and Pay-Lieut. Robinson (rec. 15), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

Considerable interest was shown in the game between Redmond and Mrs. Maitland against Grey and Miss Gordon. The first pair were very heavily handicapped but the superiority of their play overcame this. Redmond had a good service and at times his placing was very good indeed. He was well supported by Mrs. Maitland. Capt. Grey put a large number of his shots into the net instead of over; at other times he hit so strongly as to put the balls far beyond the back line. The unsettled weather yesterday evening made the light none too good for tennis. Redmond and Mrs. Maitland will now meet Thorne and Mrs. Draper in the semi-finals.

To-day's matches are:

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES.  
A. H. Rumfah and G. Manley v. F. A. Redmond and N. E. Kent.  
CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES, CLASS "A."  
Major Arden (recs. 2/6) v. L. Forster (recs. 1/6).

# HONGKONG SCHOOLS ATHLETIC SPORTS.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE BOY.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE WINS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Here are the results of the other events at the Hongkong Schools sports which were held at the Race Course yesterday afternoon. The first six appeared in yesterday's *China Mail*.

Half Mile Race (Open).—1, B. A. Hyder; 2, G. A. Hyder; 3, Chin Kwong-yun.  
Hundred Yards Handicap (British Schools).—1, J. Dillon; 2, W. Walker; 3, F. Long.  
220 Yards (Junior).—1, Ko Chi-to; 2, Tsui Yu-wun; 3, Mak Yan-shui.  
High Jump (Senior).—1, Tsai Kuei-hui; 2, Yeung Wing-fai; 3, Ma Ping-wai.

Hundred Yards Handicap (Girls under 10 years).—1, Ruby Chue; 2, Hilda Solomon; 3, Agnes Dillon.  
Hundred Yards Handicap (Girls over 10 years).—1, Beatrice Hardwick; 2, Winifred Polley; 3, Agnes Dillon.  
120 Yards Hurdle Race (Junior).—1, Ko Chi-to; 2, Wong Hung-ni; 3, Woo Pak-ping.  
120 Yards Hurdle Race (Senior).—1, S. A. M. Sopher; 2, A. Ralman; 3, Sung Is-tak.  
Fifty Yards Handicap.—1, S. Hashim; 2, J. Mohamed; 3, D. Razeck.  
220 Yards Handicap (Boys in British Schools).—1, B. C. Gegg; 2, F. V. Read; 3, E. L. McDougall; 4, E. Ralton.  
Hundred Yards Handicap (Girls).—1, Agnes Dillon; 2, Phyllis Woolley.

Quarter Mile (Open).—1, G. A. Hyder; 2, C. Mackenzie; 3, B. A. Hyder.  
Seven Furlong Race.—1, E. Haroon.  
Two Miles Bicycle Race.—1, Tong Kwong; 2, A. Silva-Netto.  
Team Race (Senior).—1, St. Joseph's College; 2, Queen's College; 3, St. Paul's College.  
Team Race (Junior).—1, St. Joseph's College; 2, Queen's College; 3, St. Paul's College.

The following were the officials: Stewards: Rev. Bro. Aimer, Mr. R. E. O. Bird, Rev. A. D. Stewart, Rev. W. H. Hewitt, Rev. W. T. Featherstone, Mr. A. H. Crook, Rev. T. W. Pearce, Mr. J. L. McPherson, Mr. Li Ping; Hon. Secretary: Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale; Competitors' Committee: Messrs. W. L. Hunsyde, and T. F. Ford; Handicapper: Messrs. L. Forster, and H. Sykes; Starters: Messrs. W. V. Doherty, E. A. Pierce, and H. Sykes; Clerks of the Course: Mr. L. Forster, and Rev. J. S. Harrington; Official Time-keepers: Messrs. W. Kay, and F. M. Mohler; Score: Mr. W. W. Fox.

The Senior Championship has this year been taken away from Queen's College by A. Rahmin of St. Joseph's College. Rahmin won the Championship, winning 12 points out of a possible 25. Queen's College won the Junior Championship, Ko Chi-to scoring every possible point.

The Team Race is always an exciting event at these sports and there was great excitement when St. Joseph's came out victorious in both events (senior and junior). St. Joseph's won for the 9th year in succession. The junior race is the first ever run here.

The prizes were given away by Mrs. Ralphs. Mr. Nightingale, in inviting her to do this, expressed the regret all felt that H. E. the Officer Administering the Government was not with them. He called attention to the fact that all handicap events had been eliminated this year, except in the case of British Schools, as the weaker schools had their own sports. These sports were held to decide the championship school for the year. There were increased entries, and they had to welcome a new school this year—the Praya East School. He mentioned that the cup for the Junior Team race had been presented by the Anglo-Swiss Milk Company, and he thanked Mr. and Mrs. Morris for their kindness in selecting the prizes; the Jockey Club, P.W.D. and all who had contributed towards the rewards.

Mr. B. Tanner said that all were agreed that the sports meeting had been very successful. He paid a tribute to Mrs. Ralphs' kindness in coming to present the prizes. They owed a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Nightingale, their energetic secretary, for the excellent arrangements he had made and also to little Miss Langley, who very kindly offered her pink sash to adorn the bouquet of flowers to be presented to Mrs. Ralphs. "When the flowers were bought," Mr. Tanner continued, "we had some ribbon, but when it was wanted it had disappeared. Miss Langley came to our rescue and deserves our thanks." (Applause and laughter.)

Mrs. Ralphs was then presented with the bouquet of flowers and was accorded three hearty cheers.

## DESPONDENCY DUE TO CONSTIPATION.

WOMEN often become nervous and despondent when this is due to constipation. It is easily corrected by taking an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets are easy to take and pleasant in effect. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

# GYMKHANA TRAINING.

Horses galloping this morning by way of preparation for next Saturday's gymkhana. Here are some of the times made (third figures meaning fifties):  
Victory Star 12 miles. Last mile, 43.1.28 2.06.1.2.38.1.  
Pink Eye 13. Whole time 3.09  
Last quarter 32.  
Tyttam Chief, 1 mile. 37.1.12.1.46.2.19.  
Salamander, 1 mile 41.1.18.1.52.2.23.  
Malcolm, 1 mile. 36.1.13.1.45.2.18.  
Bend Or and Smoke Box, mile and a quarter. 39.1.15.1.53.1.2.26.3.00.2.  
Rochester, mile and a quarter. Last mile 34.1.15.1.51.3.2.24.2.  
Swallow, three quarters, 37.1.12.1.45.  
Dalesman, three quarters, 40.1.16.1.50.  
Excelsior, last three-quarters 35.1.11.2.1.46.  
Mountain Ford (late Vesuvius Dahlia) and Flyford (late Firefly) one and three quarters 43.1.19.1.5.2.29.3.03.  
Greyhound, one and three quarters, last mile 36.1.10.1.45.2.17.  
Alexander, one and a quarter. Whole time 3.10.  
Burning Daylight, mile and a quarter 45.1.25.2.04.2.37.2.3.08.3.  
Wedding Bells and Hector, one mile 35.1.10.1.44.2.2.19.2.  
Morning Star and King John three quarters 37 and one-fifth 1.12.1.45.1.  
Lovejoy (late American Chief) one mile 41.1.22.1.59.2.30.4.  
These times were made on the sand course, which offered fairly heavy going.

## WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Messrs W. Logan & Co. report on March 27:—  
Since our last report of the 21st inst. our Market have continued active, and prices, contrary to expectations, owing to a heavy settlement, have been well maintained. Forward shares are enquired for at good rates but few shares are offered. The Shanghai Market still continues buoyant and prices of all Cottons have advanced.  
Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks are quiet. Sales having taken place at \$730, and shares can be obtained at that figure.  
Marine Insurances.—Cantons have buyers at \$415, and North China \$425. Unions can be obtained at \$1,040.  
Fire Insurances.—Hongkong Fires are enquired for at \$355. China Fires have sellers at \$172.  
Shipping.—Indo-Chinas continue quiet, and after sales at \$158, are now wanted at that price. Douglases owing to Settlement influence have receded and sales have taken place at \$90.91. They are enquired for at \$93 April delivery.  
Refineries.—China Sugars have buyers for Cash at \$121 and June delivery \$125. Malabops are quiet buyers only offering \$34.  
Docks and Wharves.—Kowloon Docks have buyers at \$161½ Cash April \$163. Kowloon Wharves continue firm and are wanted at \$120. Shanghai Docks, very little business has taken place in this stock, Shanghai are offering to buy at \$132.  
Miscellaneous.—Cements are quiet with sellers at \$8. Hongkong Electric are very firm with 1½ at \$77. Ropes are wanted at \$24½; China Borneo \$13.20 (ex div.); Hongkong Trams \$7.50; Peak Trams \$7½; Water Boats \$13½ and Watsons, \$6.15.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

### NOTICE.

ON leaving Hongkong, Lieut. Colonel J. W. WARDEN, and the Officers, Mesopotamia Contingent, Knox's Mission, wish to thank their numerous friends and the members of the Messes and clubs in and near Hongkong for the unbounded hospitality and kindness shown to the Officers during their stay in the Colony.  
Hongkong, March 29, 1919.

### LIFE SAVER.

IT is safe to say that Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy has saved the lives of more people and relieved more suffering than any other remedy in existence. It is known all over the civilized world for its speedy cure of cramps in the stomach, diarrhoea, and all intestinal pains. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENT.

THE OLD, OLD PROBLEM  
HOW TO MAKE IMMEDIATE PROVISION  
FOR YOUR FAMILY.  
We can help you solve that problem.

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Towells Building,  
12, Des Voeux Road, Central,  
Hongkong.  
P. M. WEI, ER,  
Manager.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

### NOTICE.

MESSRS. CADBROCK, MACGREGOR & CO. announce that from this date their Hongkong Branch is in charge of Mr. T. H. BUTLER.  
Hongkong, March 29, 1919.

### TO LET.

O LET.—Residential Flats, ROOMS and OFFICES, Shamsen, Canton, Apply A. B. C. Co. "China Mail."

### TUBE'S ACQUIN.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, March 31, 1919, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer-Administering the Government, of "The Lot of CROWN LAND at Barker Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 21 years.

### PARTICULARS OF THIS LOT.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY, March 31, 1919, commencing at 11 a.m. at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, A quantity of Aquatinta Washable Disinfectant (in various colours)

4 cases Vermillion, 40 kegs Check Head Wire Nails, (more or less damaged by freshwater ex s/s "Harold Dollar")  
Terms:—Cash on delivery.  
GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, March 29, 1919.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned), ON

SATURDAY, April 6, 1919, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, SUNDRY

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE:—  
do. do. do.  
(Removed to Sales Rooms for Convenience of sale), consisting of:—

4 White enamelled single Beds, 4 Marble-top Washstands, 2 Shanghai Baths, 2 Dressing Tables, 2 Toilet Sets, do. do., Crockery, Glassware, do. do. Also

A large quantity of Rattan Furniture, and One "Joist" Kerosene Fan suitable for country Bungalows  
Terms:—Cash.  
HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, March 29, 1919.

### NOTICE.

MESSRS. W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO., Shamsen, Canton, have this day been appointed AGENTS for the sale and distribution of the "CHINA MAIL" in Canton and the surrounding districts.  
March 1, 1919.

## NOTICES.







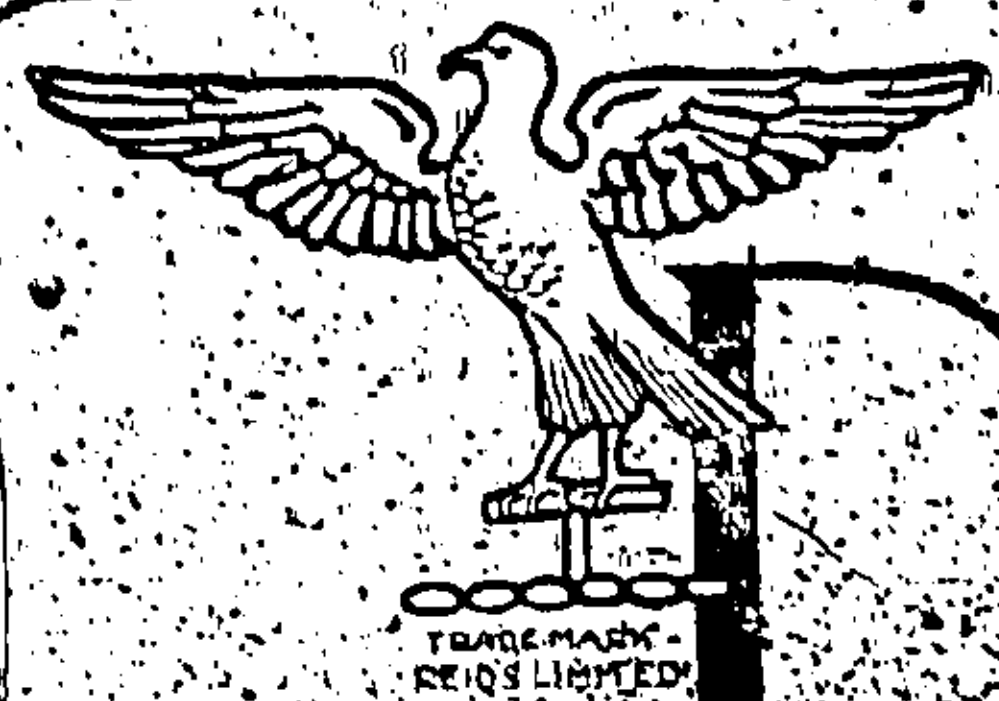
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## NOTICES.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society will be held at the registered office of the Society, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 10th day of April, 1919, at 12 o'clock noon, when the following resolutions will be proposed as extraordinary resolutions:

1. That the nominal silver capital of the Society as existing when this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution be converted into sterling and that such capital so converted be increased beyond the sterling equivalent of such silver capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of £2,000,000 Sterling divided into 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each.
  2. That each of the issued silver shares of the Society of the nominal value of £10 each with the sum of £10 paid up thereon be converted into five shares of the nominal value of £2 each with the sterling equivalent of £20 Hongkong currency at the opening T.T. rate of exchange on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution credited as paid up thereon and accordingly that 20,000 shares out of the 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each constituting the capital of the Society so converted and increased be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the Society on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution in exchange for the silver shares then held by them.
  3. That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, namely:—
- By the insertion after Article No. 107 of the following Article.
- 107(a). The Board may employ the funds of the Society which have been established pursuant to the provisions of Article 107 or any part thereof or any portion thereof (and that whether such funds or any portion thereof are proposed to be dealt with were set aside for the special purpose to which they are proposed to be applied or for any other purpose or not) in or for all or any of the following purposes, that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in equalizing dividends, in paying special dividends or bonuses, in repaying improving and maintaining any part of the property of the Society, or in or for such other purposes as the Board shall in its discretion think conducive to the interest of the Society and in regard to any such employment as aforesaid the Board shall not be bound to keep such funds separate from the other assets.
- By the insertion of the following Articles after Article No. 108.
- 108(a). (1) Any general meeting at which a dividend or bonus is declared or sanctioned may make a call on the members of such amount as the meeting fixes but so that the call on each member shall not exceed the dividend or bonus payable to him and so that notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 10, 20 and 21 the call may be payable at the same time as the dividend or bonus and the dividend or bonus may, if so arranged between the Society and the member, be set off against the call. The making of a call under this Article shall be deemed ordinary business of an ordinary general meeting which declares a dividend.
- (2) After any resolution has been passed under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article the Board may arrange on behalf of the Society for the dividend or bonus to be set off against the call by authorizing any person on behalf of the members from whom such call is due to enter into an Agreement with the Society providing for such dividend or bonus to be set off against such call and any Agreement made under such authority shall be effective.
- (3) It shall be no objection to any resolution made under paragraph (1) of this Article or to any call or arrangement made under such authority that such resolution was passed or such call or arrangement was made at the meeting at which the resolution introducing this Article and Article 107 (a) was confirmed as a special resolution provided that due notice of the intention to propose such resolution and to make such call or arrangement has been given prior to the Confirmatory meeting aforesaid.
- 108(b). Dividends may be paid in Hongkong currency at such rate of exchange as the General Meeting declaring or sanctioning the same or, in the case of interim dividends, as the Board may determine.

Should the above resolutions be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the Twenty-eighth day of March, 1919.

By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.

## BRITISH TRADERS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 10th day of April, 1919, at 12 o'clock noon, when the following resolutions will be proposed as extraordinary resolutions:

1. That the nominal silver capital of the Company as existing when this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution be converted into sterling and that such capital so converted be increased beyond the sterling equivalent of such silver capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of £1,000,000 Sterling divided into 100,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each.
  2. That each of the issued silver shares of the Company of the nominal value of £10 each with the sum of £10 paid up thereon be converted into three shares and two-fifths of one share of the nominal value of £5 each with the sterling equivalent of £7.35 Hongkong currency at the opening T.T. rate of exchange on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution credited as paid up thereon and accordingly that 1,800 shares out of the 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each constituting the capital of the Company so converted and increased be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the Company on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution in exchange for the silver shares then held by them.
  3. That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, namely:—
- By the insertion after Article No. 106 of the following Article.
- 106(a). The Board may employ the funds of the Company which have been established pursuant to the provisions of Article 106 or any part thereof or any portion thereof (and that whether such funds or any portion thereof are proposed to be dealt with were set aside for the special purpose to which they are proposed to be applied or for any other purpose or not) in or for all or any of the following purposes, that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in equalizing dividends, in paying special dividends or bonuses, in repaying improving and maintaining any part of the property of the Company, or in or for such other purposes as the Board shall in its discretion think conducive to the interest of the Company and in regard to any such employment as aforesaid the Board shall not be bound to keep such funds separate from the other assets.
- By the insertion of the following Articles after Article No. 107.
- 107(a). (1) Any general meeting at which a dividend or bonus is declared or sanctioned may make a call on the members of such amount as the meeting fixes but so that the call on each member shall not exceed the dividend or bonus payable to him and so that notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 18, 19 and 20 the call may be payable at the same time as the dividend or bonus and the dividend or bonus may, if so arranged between the Company and the member, be set off against the call. The making of a call under this Article shall be deemed ordinary business of an ordinary general meeting which declares a dividend.
- (2) After any resolution has been passed under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article the Board may arrange on behalf of the Company for the dividend or bonus to be set off against the call by authorizing any person on behalf of the members from whom such call is due to enter into an Agreement with the Company providing for such dividend or bonus to be set off against such call and any Agreement made under such authority shall be effective.
- (3) It shall be no objection to any resolution made under paragraph (1) of this Article or to any call or arrangement made under such authority that such resolution was passed or such call or arrangement was made at the meeting at which the resolution introducing this Article and Article 106 (a) was confirmed as a special resolution provided that due notice of the intention to propose such resolution and to make such call or arrangement has been given prior to the Confirmatory meeting aforesaid.
- 107(b). Dividends may be paid in Hongkong currency at such rate of exchange as the General Meeting declaring or sanctioning the same or, in the case of interim dividends, as the Board may determine.

Should the above resolutions be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the Twenty-eighth day of March, 1919.

By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.

## ENGLISH ACRES.

## THE NEW SPIRIT OF THE LAND.

After four years in France, where hedges do not exist and a grass field is a rarity, England has seen a very English appearance. But, as we travel about the country with one eye to the changes, a new England emerges.

Many countrymen who are old enough to remember how between '80 and '90 their homes became encircled with a sort of park, as field after field, previously, under the plough, was allowed to fall back to grass, and the beauty of the land grew as the use diminished. The farmers whose rent was reduced as a yearly operation made money by the simple process of not spending, and where no tenants were forthcoming the landlords universally lost so much per acre by attempting to farm for themselves.

"Wheat," the wisecracker said, "will never reach a paying price again."

Wheat is now over 70 shillings a quarter, and it used to pay at 30 shillings.

The least enterprising could see that there was money in it, and the grass fields began to vanish and the face of the country to change as after a thaw. Almost exactly two million acres of grass have been ploughed up since 1916, a good many of these within as little as ten miles of London, to the interest and astonishment of almost suburban residents, who felt for the first time that agriculture concerned them as a personal thing.

The figures of British production, as I can testify from many talks with observers in both countries, astounded both Frenchmen and Americans.

It is the most remarkable part of England's war efforts," an eminent American statesman said to me in America last spring.

## BREAD FOR 40 WEEKS.

It is a fact that to-day we now can supply ourselves with loaves for forty weeks in the year (that is, if the brewers are not too greedy and we are content with bread that is not pure wheat).

I have before me quite amazing figures of the percentage of increase of grain, beans, peas, and above all, potatoes. Last year potatoes even exceeded the natural rate of consumption, as the German supply always does. But statistics are cold things. It is much more persuasive to see the process on a piece of land with which one is familiar.

I know, for example, a one-hundred-acre ex-meadow that now provides enough starch food for 400 people for a year. I doubt if it fed ten in the old days.

They tell us these figures will never be approached again, and complaints of the disappearance of grass are numerous; but grass is the thinnest of all forms of cultivation, as the world acknowledges. Happily we shall never be content with so much of it again; and as it seems to me, the change is such, both on the land

## THE NEW SPIRIT OF THE LAND.

and in the spirit of the people on the land, that there is no reason why we should not advance or war figures instead of retrograding. We are proud of our effort, but our acres still produce on the average about half what Belgian acres produce.

The new spirit is visible in a score of little signs, all significant. Since returning from the war I have seen farmers, with the good will of their landlords, and the help of German prisoners, destroying hedges and rooting up trees, an obvious benefit scarcely dreamed of in the past. I knew people before the war, as deep in the country as Berkshire, who could only get vegetables from Covent Garden; and the country people everywhere could hardly be persuaded to regard vegetables as a staple form of food.

In the eyes of farmers vegetable culture was generally felt to be derogatory, and their gardens were neglected. Labourers quite frequently let their allotments go out of cultivation. They were not worth the trouble, they used to say.

This sort of spirit has, as it seems to me, wholly vanished; and the new spirit has many things to keep it alive. Home supplies of food are almost as valuable now as they were.

A Food Production Department is as necessary as before, and food will remain dear for years, probably always. Throughout England, however, have multiplied, and the gardens are cultivated to the hilt. Both for the first time are accepted as a real source of wealth, and even luxury.

## HOME-GROWN, THE MOTTO.

"All you see on the table is home-grown," said to me the other day a London worker with a country home; and the fare included a rabbit and a home-cured ham. Such things are small details, but they express well enough a sentiment that is new and almost universal.

Village gardens and allotments, as I have said, are visibly, even in mid-winter, reformed places; and the collected figures of their production which have been gathered with much trouble, are even more startling than the figures of farm production. Everything on the land has added worth, as if England were France. Even the rabbits are "farmed." Wood-cutting, for example, which is an important addition to the activities of most French villages, is a popular occupation, and a certain number of farmers have bought circular saws and use them for their neighbours' benefit.

All this new activity is, of course, primarily due to war, but it is associated with the presence on the land of many women. We have exactly the same phenomena in France and in Germany, which even before the war used just ten times as many women on the land as we did and cultivated a third more of its area. In England before the war country women of all classes had notoriously become too fine to concern themselves with the land.

To-day at this moment 80 per cent. of the women who are now working on the land are desirous of staying on it. I speak of a particular district in one of the Home Counties, but the

## WEIHAIWEI LAND.

The directors of the Weihaiwei Land Building Co. Ltd. have prepared their report for presentation to shareholders at the twentieth annual meeting to be held on March 28. It shows that for the year ended December 31, 1918, Tls. 2,092.04 was expended on general repairs and upkeep of the bungalows, all but one of which were occupied during the whole of the 1918 summer season.

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desire, I think, general. It will be a serious setback if they are ousted, as they may be, for there is a tendency to say that their labour is not economic.

English land needs the domestic touch even more than it needs scientific handling. This truth in some form or other has occurred to every soldier who has been billeted in a French village; and in this direction too the war may alter our previous contemptuous and narrow view of what work on the land means.—W. Beach Thomas in the Daily Mail.

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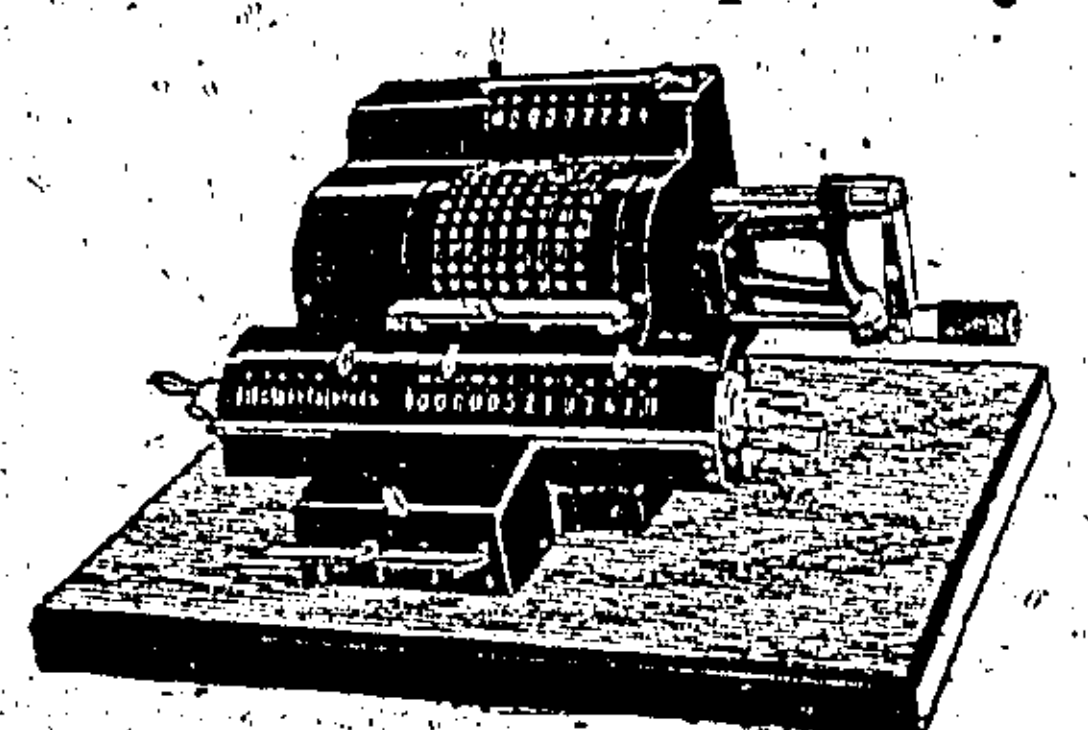
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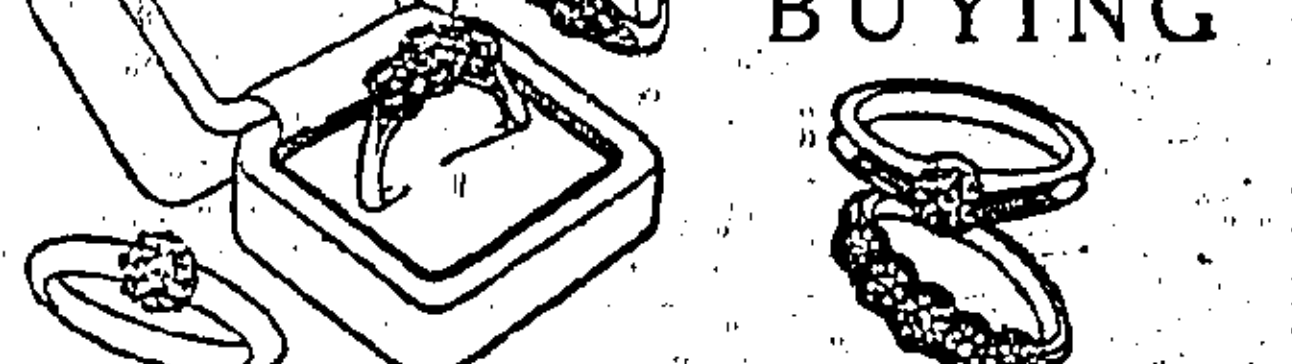
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In view of the revival of the tattooing "fashion" in Japan, the following remarks by the writer of "Under the Clock" in the *Daily News* may be commended to our contemporary attention: "I hope that public attention will be directed at fully as it deserves to the remarkable branding case on which an interesting official statement is made to-day. The sum and substance of it is that Mr. Roughton, the unfortunate gentle-



Recently, a gang of Chinese pirates, who have their rendezvous near Tsingtau, carried off two persons as hostages and demanded ¥30,000 as ransom. The Tsingtau Gendarmerie, learning of the incident, dispatched 16 gendarmes and police officials to clear the sea of these disturbers of peace. The party left Tsingtau by the *Sokuboku-maru* early on the morning of the 13th instant, with a pirate whom they had arrested some time before as guide. When a raid was made upon the pirates' den on an island, the outlaws offered strong resistance, and there was a plentiful use of firearms. Finally, however, the leader and two other pirates were arrested, while another, who attempted to escape, was shot. The two hostages who had been detained were liberated. No casualties are reported on the Japanese.

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